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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 2-15-54

WEATHER Dry weather continued. Temperatures averaged 12° to 15° above normal, with unseasonably warm weather at the beginning and again at the close of the week, and seasonable temperature during the middle. Several days were rather windy and Saturday was dusty in the western and also in the eastern portion of the State.

CROPS Nearly all of the counties in the State reported dry top soil blowing last week. A few adverse reports were received on wheat in the lighter soils in western Nebraska and one from east-central Nebraska. Wheat continues to green up. A highly favorable outlook for wheat is reported southeast of McCook, where a total of 29 inches of snow was reported for the winter, with all the moisture going into the ground. Some of the wheat in this locality is 4 to 5 inches tall.

South-central Nebraska, which was covered by snow during most of December, reports wheat greening up, but with some blowing of top soil. All of the State needs moisture and especially snow covering to pack the loose soil about the wheat plants to minimize the danger of damage from low temperatures after wheat has started to grow. Since frost left, the soil is loose and moisture would be absorbed readily.

Considerable field work was done last week, such as, cutting stalks, disking and plowing. There was a little demand for farm hands. Some farmers were buying seed for spring planting and there was one report of spring wheat being planted in northwestern Nebraska. Some grass and alfalfa were seeded last week.

A considerable number of farm sales were reported with farm equipment going at lower prices. If weather continues mild, it appears there will be considerable surplus of hay and forage. Sales of potatoes in western Nebraska are reported slow. Application of fertilizer to soils continues and also some corn root worm chemicals are being applied. York county reports irrigation wells increasing at the rate of 12 to 15 wells per month.

LIVESTOCK The demand for feeder pigs is very good and prices high. There were a few reports of brood sows selling up to \$125 per head. Dry feed lots and open winter have been unusually favorable for the care and feeding of livestock. Asking prices for pasture and range are high. Reports on the new lamb and pig crops have generally been favorable.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1954

Eastern Division

None

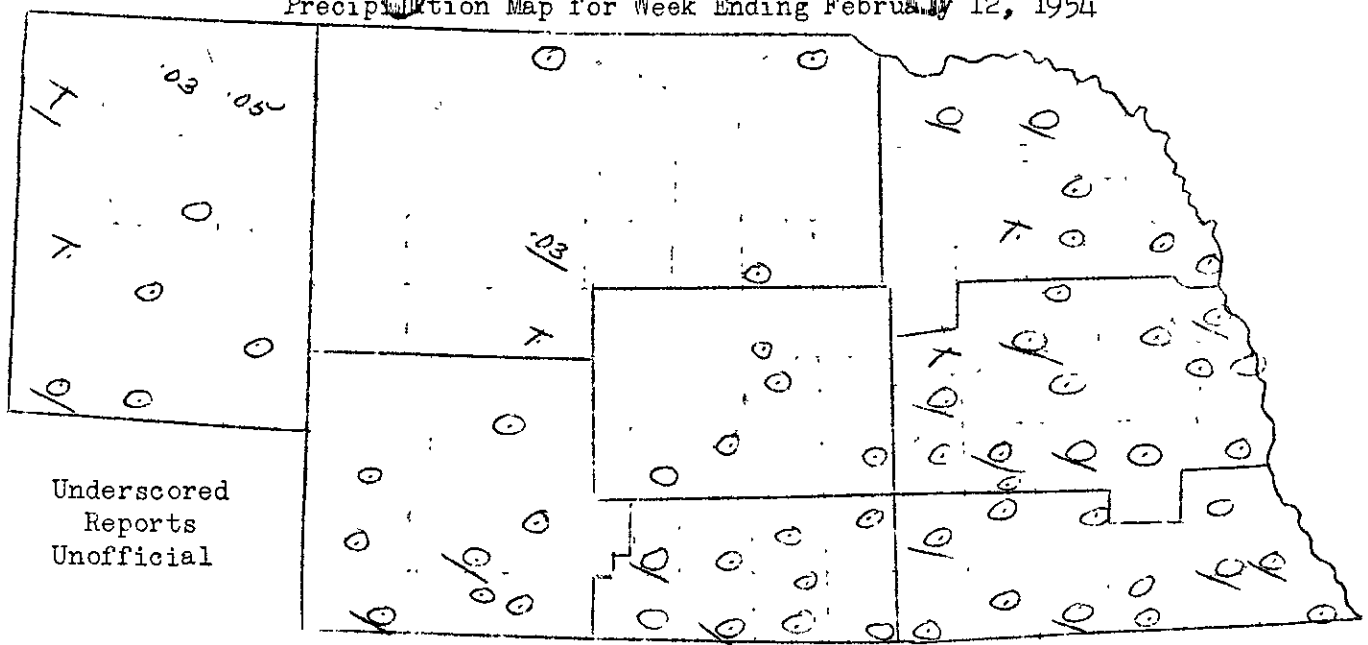
Central Division

None

Western Division

Chadron	.03
Imperial	0
Scottsbluff	0
Sidney	0

# Precipitation Map for Week Ending February 12, 1954



## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		February													
		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	72	31	66	16	42	22	30	27	68	29	69	34	67	22
	Scottsbluff	73	30	69	24	46	13	33	21	65	36	71	34	67	26
	Sidney	75	27	70	21	43	10	31	18	61	30	68	--	68	31
N-C	Burwell	70	31	67	28	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	72	34	68	25	37	22	23	17	59	42	70	36	70	33
NE	Norfolk	67	30	68	25	41	16	27	13	43	34	68	28	64	39
	Sioux City	62	31	62	27	42	18	27	12	41	35	61	34	61	38
CEN.	Grand Island	71	35	69	29	44	22	31	17	44	31	71	31	65	42
	Lexington	72	30	69	28	43	23	33	19	50	25	72	30	65	41
E-C	Lincoln	69	38	67	30	46	21	33	17	46	37	63	32	71	46
	Omaha	66	31	63	27	48	19	32	13	44	34	63	40	68	42
SW	Imperial	75	31	72	22	45	13	34	20	65	28	71	28	71	38
	North Platte	75	24	70	25	--	--	32	20	52	24	68	25	66	39

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